

District Attorney Update: Current Justice System Issues



William Hodgman, Assistant District Attorney
Tracey Lopez, Special Assistant

Criminal Justice Realignment:

AB 109 and Beyond. . . .

- *Due to prison overcrowding, defendants formerly a state responsibility have been “realigned” to County responsibility!*
- *The Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office is committed to taking a leadership role in realignment issues.*



Criminal Justice Realignment:

Proposed Statewide Definition of Recidivism

“A Qualifying Return to Custody During a Specified Time Period”

- **“Qualifying return”** includes new arrests, convictions, revocations, or flash incarceration.
- **“Custody”** includes jail, prison, and other alternative sentencing options such as fire camp or electronic monitoring imposed in lieu of jail or prison following a qualifying return event.
- **“Specified time period”** is a period of three years from a subject’s release from custody. The specified time period shall continue to run regardless of supervision status (i.e., whether a subject is on probation, parole, post-release community supervision, mandatory supervision or no supervision).

Criminal Justice Realignment:

What is an “N3” offender?

- *N3 offenders serve their felony prison terms in County Jail under Penal Code Section 1170 (h)*
- Non-serious crimes
- Non-violent crimes
- Non-290 registrants
- **Non-Non-Non = N3**



Criminal Justice Realignment:

What is an “N3” offender?

- When an N3 defendant gets released from County Jail, he has no “tail” of supervision . . .
- Unless there has been a “split sentence” which results in “mandatory supervision.”



Criminal Justice Realignment:

- When defendants confined in state prison get out, they are released onto either . . .
- **Post release community supervision (PRCS)** supervised by Probation or
- **Traditional parole**, supervised by the State.



Criminal Justice Realignment:

AB 109 and Beyond. . . . What's coming?

- After July 1, traditional parolees coming from state prison will have their parole violations adjudicated in County courts.
- But they will still be supervised by state parole agents, not the County Probation Department.
- Planning is underway with the justice stakeholders.



Criminal Justice Realignment:

AB 109: Victim Restitution Issues

- *Legal Issues:* Authority to Collect.
- *Practical Issues:* Which entity is best situated to collect depending upon the particular segment of the AB 109 population.
- *The Board of Supervisors will have authority determine local collection issues!*



Criminal Court Closure at a Glance: *Closure or Reduced Service Locations* *Impacting the District Attorney's Office*

- Central Arraignment Court
- East Los Angeles
- Pomona North
- Whittier
- Beverly Hills
- Malibu
- Catalina
- Kenyon Juvenile Justice Center

Criminal Court Closure at a Glance:

- All changes are effective now (rolling closures and transfers, no later than **June 3, 2013**).
- All pending court dates remain the same, only the court locations have changed.
- All District Attorney support staff and legal staff reassignments have been made based on the needs of the remaining offices and courts.

Criminal Court Closure/Change:

Central Arraignment Courts,

429 Bauchet Street, LA 90012

- *No more misdemeanors and infractions here!*
- Misdemeanors: To be handled at East LA Courthouse.
- Infraction citations: To be handled at Metro Courthouse.
- Homeless Court Program remains.



Criminal Court Closure/Change:

East Los Angeles Courthouse,

4848 Civic Center Way, LA 90022

- *No more felonies and infractions here!*
- Felonies:
 - Maywood, Cudahy and Vernon cases to be handled at Metropolitan Courthouse.
 - All others to be handled at Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center, including all drug court cases (to be heard in Dept. 42).
- Infraction citations: To be handled at Metropolitan Courthouse, including future night court.



Criminal Court Closure:

Pomona Courthouse North,

400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona 91766

- *No more criminal cases here!*
- Felonies: To be handled at Pomona Courthouse South.
- Misdemeanors: To be handled at Pomona Courthouse South.
- Infraction citations:
 - CHP, City of Walnut red light cases, and Baldwin Park red light cases to be handled at El Monte Courthouse.
 - All other agencies to be handled at the West Covina Courthouse EXCEPT:



Criminal Court Closure:

Whittier Courthouse,

7339 S. Painter Avenue, Whittier 90602

- *No more criminal cases here!*
- Felonies, Misdemeanors and Infraction citations for the Whittier Police Department, to be handled at the Bellflower Courthouse.
- Felonies, Misdemeanors and Infraction citations for all other departments, to be handled at the Downey Courthouse.
- Note: Early Disposition Court (EDP) and Preliminary Hearing Court for all of these felonies to be handled at the Norwalk Courthouse.



Criminal Court Closure:

Beverly Hills Courthouse,

9355 Burton Way, Beverly Hills 90210

- *No more criminal cases here!*
- Felonies and Misdemeanors for the LASD-West Hollywood/Universal City area to be handled at the Van Nuys Courthouse West, 14400 Erwin St. Mall, Van Nuys 91401.
- Felonies and Misdemeanors: All other cases to be handled at the Airport Courthouse, 11701 S. La Cienega Blvd, LA 90045.



Criminal Court Closure:

Malibu Courthouse,

23525 W. Civic Center Way, Malibu 90265

- *No more criminal cases here!*
- Felonies and Misdemeanors to be handled at the Van Nuys Courthouse West, 14400 Erwin St. Mall, Van Nuys 91401.
- Infraction citations:
 - To be handled at the Santa Monica Courthouse, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica 90401



Criminal Court Closure/Change:

Catalina Courthouse,

215 Sumner Avenue, Catalina 90704

- *No more felonies!*
- *Court open two days a month.*
- Felonies to be handled at Long Beach Courthouse, 415 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach 90802.
- Misdemeanors to be handled at Catalina, except for in custody trials to be handled at Long Beach Courthouse.



Criminal Court Closure:

Kenyon Juvenile Justice Center,

7625 South Central Avenue, LA 90001

- *No more juvenile cases!*
- Caseload to be split among other nearby courts, based on police agency.
- Former Kenyon JJC cases will go to Compton, Eastlake and Los Padrinos Juvenile Courts.
- Caseloads for Long Beach and Inglewood Juvenile courts rearranged to accommodate anticipated numbers.



Juvenile Cases: What Goes Where?

- City of Los Angeles, LAPD-Newton cases . . .
 - To Eastlake Juvenile Court.
- City of Los Angeles, LAPD-Southeast cases . . .
 - To Compton Juvenile Court.
- City of Los Angeles, LAPD-77th East of Van Ness Blvd and South of Slauson Avenue. . .
 - To Compton Juvenile Court.
- City of Los Angeles, LAPD 77th West of Van Ness Blvd and North of Slauson Avenue . . .
 - To Inglewood Juvenile Court.
- Torrance, Lakewood and Hawaiian Gardens cases . . .
 - To Long Beach Juvenile Court.
- Huntington Park and South Gate cases . . .
 - To Los Padrinos Juvenile Court.
- Unincorporated Florence/Firestone and Walnut Park cases . . .
 - To Compton Juvenile Court.

Criminal Court Closure/Change:

Alhambra Courthouse,

150 W. Commonwealth, Alhambra 91801

- *No more infractions here!*
- Infraction citations:
 - To be handled at the Pasadena Courthouse, 300 E. Walnut Street, Pasadena 91101.



Criminal Court Closure/Change:

Huntington Park Courthouse,

6548 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park 90255

- *No more infractions here!*
- Infraction citations:
 - To be handled at the Compton Courthouse, 200 W. Compton Blvd, Compton 90220.



Criminal Court Closure/Change:

San Pedro Courthouse,

505 S. Centre Street, San Pedro 90701

- *No more infractions here!*
- Infraction citations:
 - To be handled at the Long Beach Courthouse, 415 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach 90802



Criminal Court Closure/Change:

West Los Angeles Courthouse,

1633 Purdue Avenue, Los Angeles, 90025

- *No more infractions here!*
- Infraction citations:
 - To be handled at the Beverly Hills Courthouse, 9355 Burton Way, Beverly Hills 90210.

